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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF UNGA SPECIAL SESSION WITH NORWEGIAN
EMBASSY

1. MINISTER SVERRE AND ECONOMIC COUNSELOR &LBERG OF THE
NORWEGIAN EMBASSY CALLED ON ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY
IO BLAKE MARCH 18 TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENTS IN THE UN.

2. BLAKE SAID THAT US WAS CONSULTING WITH SEVERAL OF THE
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES CONCERNING THE UP-COMING 7TH SPECIAL
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SESSION OF THE UNGA IN SEPTEMBER IN ORDER TO INVITE

THOUGHTFUL RESPONSES CONCERNING A COORDINATED APPROACH TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WE CONSIDERED THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION TO BE ONE STAGE IN THE LONG RANGE PROBLEM OF RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LDC'S.

3. BLAKE SAID THE US RECOGNIZED THAT LDC CONCERNS ABOUT ENERGY, FOOD AND COMMODITIES AND THEIR ROLE IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS WERE REAL ONES WHICH DESERVED SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. WE HOPED TO ADDRESS THESE CONCERNS NOT THROUGH CONFRONTATION BUT THROUGH COOPERATION IN DEVELOPING COMMON INTERESTS. NEVERTHELESS, WE WILL DEFEND OUR INTERESTS WHEN CHALLENGED.

4. BLAKE ADDED THAT THE US WISHED TO CONSULT WITH THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES TO WORK OUT A LONG-RANGE STRATEGIC APPROACH TO RELATIONS WITH THE LDC'S BUT THAT WE WERE NOT PROMOTING A GROUP OF 77-TYPE BLOC. WHILE WE DID NOT WANT TO CONCEAL OUR CONSULTATIONS, AND IN FACT WANTED LDC'S TO KNOW OF OUR BASIC UNITY, WE WISHED TO AVOID GIVING THE IMPRESSION WE WERE GANGING UP ON THEM. WE ALSO WISHED TO AVOID TOO MUCH MACHINERY AND TOO MANY MEETINGS.

5. IN RESPONSE TO SVERRE'S QUERY, BLAKE AGREED THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE INFORMATION COORDINATION IN ESTABLISHED INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS OECD AND INFORMAL CAUCUSES. THERE WAS A WIDE RANGE OF OPTIONS FOR FURTHER CONSULTATION INCLUDING AD HOC MEETINGS ON SPECIAL TOPICS OF INTEREST TO ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF COUNTRIES. WITHIN ABOUT A MONTH WE HOPED WE WOULD BE ABLE TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE. AT THE PRESENT TIME WE WERE CONCERNED WITH HOW TO PROJECT OUR THINKING TO THE LDC'S AND WE WOULD WELCOME NORWEGIAN VIEWS ON TACTICS AND AGENDA.

6. SVERRE EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE RUN-DOWN AND SAID IT WOULD AROUSE MUCH INTEREST IN NORWAY. THE GON WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IN HOW THE US APPROACH WOULD RELATE TO THE GROWING AMERICAN DISILLUSIONMENT AND DISSATISFACTION WITH THE UN. THIS WAS A SOURCE OF CONSIDERABLE CONCERN TO THE NORDIC COUNTRIES. &LBERG LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT TOO CLOSE COLLABORATION BY THE DC'S MIGHT BE CONSIDERED CONFRONTATION BY THE LDC'S AND THAT IT MIGHT UNDERMINE THE AUTHORITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS. THE PROBLEM WAS HOW TO SOFTEN THE IMPACT.

7. BLAKE REPLIED THAT WE HOPED IN EARLY CONSULTATIONS WITH THE LDC'S WE COULD PROJECT OUR PHILOSOPHY OF A FORTHCOMING APPROACH WHICH MIGHT LESSEN THE INTEREST

OF SOME LDC'S IN STERILE CONFRONTATION IN THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION.

8. IN RESPONSE TO SVERRE'S REQUEST, BLAKE REVIEWED GENERALLY OUR REACTIONS TO WHAT HAD RECENTLY TAKEN PLACE IN THE UN SYSTEM. HE POINTED OUT THAT MOST OF THE CONCERN AND CRITICISM IN THE US WAS DIRECTED AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, AS IN THE RECENT UNESCO CASE. HOWEVER, ON THE SECURITY SIDE THINGS HAD OVERALL GONE QUITE WELL WITH THE SECURITY COUNCIL, WHICH WAS PLAYING A MAJOR ROLE IN THE MID-EAST.

HE REASSURED SVERRE THAT US NOT THINKING ABOUT GETTING OUT OF THE UN. IT WAS MORE A QUESTION OF WORKING TO AVOID THE BAD THINGS WHICH HAPPENED IN THE GA. WE WERE DEVOTING SPECIAL EFFORTS TO PREPARE FOR 7TH SPECIAL SESSION, BECAUSE WE WANTED TO AVOID UN DISCUSSIONS WHICH WERE UNPRODUCTIVE AND EVEN TOOK US BACKWARDS. WE HOPED THE SPECIAL SESSION WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO IDENTIFY AND BEGIN DISCUSSING SOME AREAS WHERE THE DC'S AND THE LDC'S HAD SOME COMMON INTERESTS.

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